Home Agent's Notes

By Mrs. B. G. Anderson
Home Demonstration Agent

Fourteen 4-H gardens were visited week before last. Most of gardens showed storng promise of many healthy vegetables in the near future.

Local Extension workers suggest that plans be made for preserving, pickling, freezing or canning long before the first snap beans find themselves on your table.

It has been suggested that the raw-packed method be tried for canning summer squash, tomatoes, green beans, lima beans, beets, and for corn and many other vegetables. The following simple steps will lead you to fresh garden vegetables all year round:

1. Wash vegetables to remove dirt and mud.
2. Trim off stems, leaves, and discolored parts.
3. Cut vegetables into desired sizes, whether sliced, quartered or chunks.
4. Pack vegetables in clean jars to 1 inch of top. Add 1-2 teaspoon salt to pints and 1 teaspoon to quarts.
5. Pour boiling water over vegetables until jars are filled.
6. Wipe the rim clean and after placing hot lid, screw band on tightly.
7. Put jars in canner rack and place rack into 2 or 3 inches of water boiling in pressure canner.
8. Place and seal canner lid. Bring pressure to 10 pounds and process. Pints require 25 minutes, while quarts require 30 minutes.
9. After processing has been completed, remove jars to rack or on folded cloth out of any draft.
10. The next day you may remove the metal bands and label the jars. In labeling be sure to tell what product is and the date it was processed.

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President Eisenhower's National Farm Home Safety Week proclamation pointed out that more farm workers died by accident last year than workers of any other major industry, and that experience in industry has proved accident prevention measures always pay. This underlines the 1956 Farm Safety Week (July 22-28) slogan: "Safety Pays All Ways."

"Accidents are never cheap, and safety pays all ways," Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson said in calling attention to National Farm Safety Week. The USDA and the National Safety Council are co-sponsors of this campaign.

Senator Allen J. Ellender, chairman of the Senate Agricultural Committee, says, "Any farmer can find dozens of ways in which safety pays. Among careful workers there are fewer injuries and deaths. Safe practices mean less property damage and less work time lost, too."

James G. Patton, president, National Farmers Union, states, "Safety is the cheapest investment in the world, and yet it pays big dividends. . . ."

Charles B. Schuman, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation says, "The purpose of National Farm Safety Week is to point out that human failure is associated with nearly every farm accident."

Ten Ways Safety Pays:
1. Fewer deaths.
2. Fewer injuries.
3. Less grief and suffering.
4. Less expense.
5. Less worry.
6. Less property damage.
7. Less time lost.
8. More leisure time.
9. More peace of mind.
10. More useful years.

LACKS LICENSE 20 YEARS

Elizabeth N. J.. Bernie Johnson, 37, stopped by police for a wrong turn on a highway, admitted to police that he had been driving for twenty years without ever having a driver's license. "No one ever stopped me," explained Johnson.

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In Fashion Now

The slim skirt will be fashionable for fall and winter clothes. This is not bad news for anyone because, with the proper foundation garments, the slim skirt is becoming to all figure types except, perhaps the too slender.

Suits and dresses for all occasions will feature slender skirts, with built-in pleats that allow for walking room but when not in action will not be noticeable. This is a trick first thought up by French dressmakers who have long gone in for the pencil look.

Three-quarter length sleeves will be popular. They will bring into importance the longer gloves and the muff. Fur and fabric muffs will be popular accessories for after five. Bracelets will be a fad and if you have packed away any of those silver bracelets everyone had about ten years ago, now is the time to drag them out.

Two of the summer's smartest looks—gay plaid and handsome, collegiate khaki color, is being put together to make play clothes and more formal clothes for the coming seasons. Khaki will be the outstanding basic color and will be teamed with blacks and browns to make outstanding and new-looking suits and coats. Khaki skirts for the school girl and the busy homemaker, will be worn with man-tailored plaid shirts.

Even leather goods will take on the khaki color. Smart looking shoes and bags will be designed of khaki cooled leather and khaki colored leather combined with black or brown leather. The large carrying all seems to be here to stay. Women have taken to clear plastic with such a bang that many fall and winter bags and shoes will combine plastic and leather.

. A note to the men — fur collars and linings will be an elegant touch for your new winter coats. Hat bands will be quite mad and will be seen in such numbers that even some of you more conservative fellows may be sporting a bright yellow and brown band on the old brown lid.

Homemakers Items

Dips for chips and crackers are a favorite with hostesses these days. VPI nutritionists have a suggestion for an easy dip. Use one package of dehydrated onion soup, 1-2 teaspoon seasoning salt, and one package (12 ounces) of cottage cheese, cream style. Beat cheese until very smooth, or put it through a strainer. Add seasoning and mix thoroughly. Store for several hours before serving.

There are some handy tricks when it comes to deep fat frying.

VPI nutritionists say it is important to keep shortening free from any accumulation of burned food particles. Carefully strain the used fat each time after it has been used.

Shake off excess crumbs or breading material before the food is fried.

Well-chilled croquettes will keep their shape. They should be formed several hours in advance of frying.

Never salt foods directly over the fat, as salt shortens its life. Raw, wet foods, such as potatoes and shrimp, should be drained thoroughly or wiped dry before frying.

Lower the food into the fat gently to prevent spattering.

Do not hold the fat at high temperatures when it is not in use. Do not overload the fryer—overloading slows down the cooking process.

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Around Your Home

We are told that often the things we did not accomplish take more out of you than the things we did. It is possible that doing, not too much but too little, can cause collapsing fatigue at the end of an ordinary day.

For example, you plan a project and hope to get done but never get around to it. The incidental activities that took its place can make you very weary. There is a very important and necessary feeling that comes with attaining private daily goals.

Have you ever noticed how the days get away from you when you put your list of stimulating and necessary extras at the bottom of your desk drawer. Don't let this happen, as it is the kind of frustration that wears you out. This is a very easy trap for the housewife to fall into. It takes all the pleasure out of home-making.

Try making a list of the activities around the house that would feel proud to be able to sign to each day one of these projects or a part of it. It is sometimes necessary to take a range view of certain jobs. Learn to be happy if you are moving toward a goal. It may be a beautiful yard, an attractively decorated home or the ability to work with skill.

Take into account your social daily requirements in household activities something you really been "wanting to do." Give it firm precedence over any hobbies.

One of the most valuable lessons you can learn is to plan your day instead of letting your day plan you.

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ASSETS

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2. United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed	1,075,364.46
3. Obligations of States and political subdivisions	236,095.96
4. Other bonds, notes, and debentures	50,000.00
6. Loans and discounts (including $608.08 overdrafts)	1,042,338.30
7. Bank premises owned $ ...., furniture and fixtures, 2,559.46	2,559.46
9. Investments and other assets indirectly representing bank premises or other real estate	12,500.00
11. Other assets	356.67
12. TOTAL ASSETS	2,833,050.49

LIABILITIES

13. Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	658,933.65
14. Time deposits of individuals, partnerships and corporations	1,831,234.70
15. Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings)	2,043.07
16. Deposits of States and political subdivisions	148,849.67
18. Other deposits (certified and officers' checks, etc.)	11,107.19
19. TOTAL DEPOSITS 2,652,168.28	
23. Other liabilities	8,027.70
24. TOTAL LIBALILITIES (not including subordinated obligations shown below)	2,660,195.98

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

25. Capital*	40,000.00
26. Surplus	60,000.00
27. Undivided Profits	72,572.74
28. Reserves	281.77
29. TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	172,854.51
30. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	2,833,050.49

*This bank's capital consists of:
Common stock with total par value of $40,000.00

MEMORANDA

31. Assets pledged or assigned to secure liabilities and for other purposes	255,021.30

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J. C. Davidson

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FARM NEWS

By J. A. Smith, County Agent

ushing Apparently Has Effect on Crop Yields

ere are among the farmers professional agricultural who have been asking questions subsoiling the past few years it likely be interested in ults of some research at the ginia Agricultural Experiment Sta-

ree-year study conducted by tion in the northern Piedmont and coastal plain areas ere real differences in yields ta, corn, or peanuts when ing (or chiseling) was done in combination with subsoilations of limestone and phosphate.

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4-D Injury Common Still

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instance, every year at VPI ples of plants are sent in don't have any disease, but are simply injured because preener has used a sprayer ay them which has been used ply to spray weeds with 2,- ent, more especially 2,4,5-T. you need to do to prevent this injury is to use a different er for 2, 4-D than you do for ng else.

Hail Damage to Tobacco

Here are three things to do if hail hits your tobacco within six weeks after transplanting:

1. Clear away broken plant parts immediately.
2. Leave about six inches of the original stalk.
3. Control weeds and grass.

By following this program, you should make about 65 to 75 per cent of a normal crop.

Increased Indemnity Payments For Brucellosis Reactors

At the present time, owners of brucellosis reactors which are eligible for indemnity are paid on the basis of one-third of the difference between the appraised value and the salvage of each reactor animal provided that the indemnity payment for each animal does not exceed $10.00 for grades and $20.00 for purebreds.

Beginning with the new fiscal year July 1, 1956, owners of such reactors disclosed on tests made on or after that date will be eligible for an amount figured on the same one-third basis but not to exceed $25.00 for grades and $50.00 for purebreds.

Wasps Prove Helpful In Hornworm Control

Building shelters for wasps to live in near tobacco fields may help farmers control hornworms.

Tests by the U. S. Department of Agriculture and by the nearby North Carolina Experiment Station, indicate that tobacco farmers might eventually use wasps to reduce the cost of pest control.

These insects are commonly called paperhanger wasps. They have long been known to entomologists as natural enemies of tobacco hornworms and, to a lesser extent, of budworms and other pests of tobacco plants.

Scientists believe that suitable shelters can encourage the buildup of wasp populations. The wasps in turn will help control tobacco pests. Although the research done so far is encouraging, further study will be needed before their use is recommended.

The researchers, who conceived the idea of wasp shelters, believe that the wasps don't live in tobacco fields, which offer little protection against their enemies or the weather, but rather in bordering grass, brush, or wooded areas. A long narrow box of rough boards, located at the edge of a tobacco field, makes a good shelter. The side or end would be left open and covered with chicken wire to protect the wasps from birds or other predators. Shelters are fastened to posts, usually with the open side facing the ground.

Tobacco hornworms, common in the South, feed on the leaves of tobacco plants. A population of only two hornworms to 50 plants can damage about 500 tobacco leaves in an acre.

Plant Diseases Troublesome On Crops in Virginia

Virginia farmers are having their usual seasonal woes with plant diseases. S. B. Fenne, plant disease specialist at VPI, has pinpointed a few of the current problems.

On wheat, some helminthosporium foot rot and quite a bit of anthracnose has been reported. "Take-all" has occurred in several counties. This is a rather unusual disease that sometimes occurs in spots in a field causing the wheat to be considerably shorter and the stems blackened near the ground. The grain is usually greatly reduced in yield. Take-all usually occurs early when wheat is grown for a number of years in the same soil. The control is simple. Follow a rotation wherein wheat does not follow wheat in the same field in successive years.

The most serious ailment with oats has been victoria blight. Usually this means that a non-recommended variety of oats was planted early in the fall when the soil was still warm, when susceptible varieties are easily damaged by the fungus. Seed treatment helps materially in reducing the amount of victoria blight. The cost of seed treatment is small. It is a simple operation and should be a regular practice.

Unfavorable growing conditions caused by cool weather have resulted in damage to corn. Rarely do such damaged seedlings catch up with normal growing plants. Seed treatment usually helps. It will at least prolong the time the seed can remain in the soil without serious injury.

Most of the diseased specimens of flowers received in VPI laboratories have shown varying degrees of root rot. About the only practical control of root rot diseases in a flower garden is to prepare a new bed and start off with disease-free plants in clean, sterilized soil. Several flowers have also been affected with various leafspots. Most of the leafspot troubles can be effectively controlled by following a definite dust or spray program.

Elevators Valuable Aid At Harvest Time on Farm

Elevators and conveyors, available in several types and sizes, can take much of the back-breaking labor out of life on the farm.

Storing a crop at harvest time can be a worrisome bottleneck if you are still handling small grains, baled hay, ear corn, etc., by hand methods.

Mechanical elevators and conveyors do the job easier, quicker, and at less cost. The types available include the cup, or bucket elevator, which is usually installed in a fixed location. It's a good choice for a granary to elevate small grain into storage bins. With the proper set-up, the cup elevator can also be used to move grain from one bin to another.

Auger elevators and conveyors are adapted for moving grain either horizontally or vertically, and are available in various sizes and lengths. The smaller sizes are lightweight and can be moved easily from one lifting job to another.

Blower elevators are used mainly to elevate chopper hay and ensilage. Some types are designed to handle small grain and shelled corn.

The popular drag elevator has cleats fastened to a chain or a belt that slides along in a trough-shaped channel. Some can be used to elevate several different crops. Others are built for special jobs. General purpose drag elevators are often mounted on wheels. The smaller ones are light enough to be carried by hand.

If electricity is available, an electric motor is recommended for the source of power to run elevators. The cost of operation is low—around 1,000 bushels of grain can be elevated for only 10 to 20c for electricity.

LOW-COST DIARY RECORD-KEEPING PLAN

Giving farmers a better chance to make their dairy operations more efficient and profitable is the main idea behind a simple new low-cost plan for keeping dairy production records announced by the USDA.

The plan has been approved by the American Dairy Science Association and the Extension Committee on Organization and Policy. This new "Weigh-a-Day-a-Month program is expected to go into operation this fall as an addition to present national Federal-State cooperative Dairy Herd Improvement Association production recording programs. It will be supervised by State Extension Services under the local direction of county agents.

USDA and State Dairy officials see in this new plan an opportunity for dairymen not only to improve production efficiency but, through culling of low-producing cows, possibly to prevent some excess milk from reaching markets. In order to cull their herds intelligently, dairymen must have accurate production information to guide them.

The new plan is somewhat similar to a low-cost record keeping program operated in Illinois for the past two years. Variations of the plan have also been operating in a number of other states. Its sponsors hope that it eventually will place an additional 8 to 10 million cows under milk recording.

The plan is designed to supplement the 50-year-old Dairy Herd Improvement Association program under which 1,400,000 cows are being tested for milk and butter-fat production and the "Owner-Sampler" program, under which some 375,000 cows are also being tested.

The new method simplifies milk recording to the single practice of weighing the milk output of each cow in a herd, morning and night, one day a month. The farmer weighs the milk himself. No milk samples or butterfat tests are required. He records the weights on a special form, which he mails to a central computing office. His only cost, averaging about 50 cents per cow per year, is for the calculation of the monthly milk production, the total production to date for each cow, and the yearly herd total to date. If feed information is reported, calculations will also be made on value of product, total cost of feed, and income over feed cost for the herd. At the end of the year, a yearly herd summary will also be calculated. The calculated records are returned to the farmer each month for his use in (1) culling low-producing cows, (2) feeding each cow according to her production, and (3) selecting the best animals from which to raise herd replacements.

The Dairy Husbandry Research Branch of USDA's Agricultural Research Service has drawn from experience already gained in several states in developing the new Weigh-a-Day-a-Month plan. It recognizes the need of low-cost record-keeping system for the estimated 90 per cent of dairy farms having herds of 14 cows or less.

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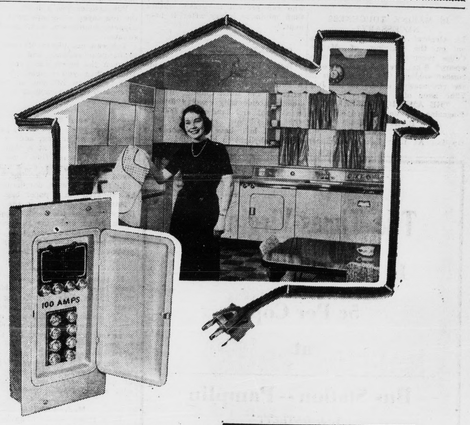

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